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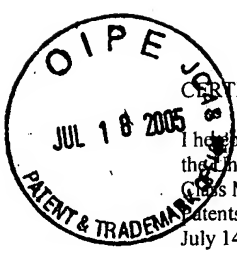
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Presented below is a complete set of claims with current status indicators. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17 have been amended, and new claim 18 has been added. Please enter the amended claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17, and enter new claim 18.